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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL: GENEVA WEEKLY NOTES

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2. ZERO REAL GROWTH ISSUE - THE ITU: PERHAPS IT IS  
TIME TO RETHINK OUR INSISTENCE ON ZRG IN ALL BUREAUS OF  
ALL U.N. FAMILY AGENCIES. AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED  
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INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION COUNCIL MEETING  
HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, GENEVA GROUP DELS ACHIEVED ZRG IN  
PASSING THE 1995 BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE U.S. ALONE OPPOSED  
A FAIRLY CAREFULLY HEDGED COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT WOULD  
BREAK ZRG FOR THE ITU'S DEVELOPMENT SECTOR (BY SOME 1.7  
MILLION SWISS FRANCS) IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED BY THE  
SEPT-OCT '94 ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN KYOTO.  
FROM A U.S. INTERESTS POINT OF VIEW, EXCEEDING ZRG FOR  
DEVELOPING COUNTRY PROGRAMS IN THE ITU MAY HELP WIN THE  
SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATIONS AT THE KYOTO

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PLENIPOT AND BEYOND ON BROADER USG POLICY GOALS: WE CAN'T FORGET THAT WE SHALL NEED THEIR SUPPORT - AND MAYBE THEIR VOTES - TO AVOID ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE NEW U.S. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES IN THE ITU, AND ON OTHER FACETS OF THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.

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3. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE WOULD URGE WASHINGTON TO RE-VISIT THE BUDGET ISSUE FOR THE ITU. PERHAPS WE COULD AGREE WITH ALLOWING THE ITU TO TAP INTO ITS RESERVE FUNDS TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR. OF COURSE, WE MUST MOVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY IF WE DO EDGE AWAY FROM ADHERANCE TO THE CONCEPT OF ZERO REAL GROWTH. FIRST, SOME GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS, [REDACTED]

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4. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: AS YOU KNOW, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNHRC HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. GERRY FERRARO AND AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON WILL TRAVEL TO GENEVA TO JOIN US FOR THE SESSION. WE HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PREPARING FOR THE MEETING. I MET WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO, WHO HAS MADE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS. MY STAFF HAS BEEN IN CLOSE, DAILY CONTACT WITH OTHER KEY PLAYERS. WE DEVELOPED ELEMENTS FOR A RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION AND ARE WORKING FOR THEIR INCLUSION IN THE EMERGING DRAFT. OVERALL SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SESSION ARE PROCEEDING WELL; WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A POSITIVE OUTCOME. THE REMAINING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE: WILL LANGUAGE CLAIMING "GENOCIDE" BE INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION? THIS ISSUE IS FROUGHT WITH LEGAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

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